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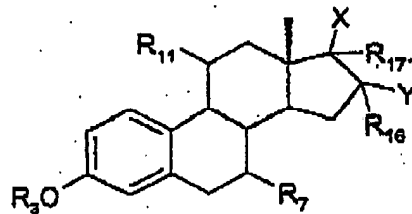
**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition having ER $\alpha$  agonist activity and having ER $\beta$  antagonist activity, comprising:

a steroid compound satisfying the following structural formula:



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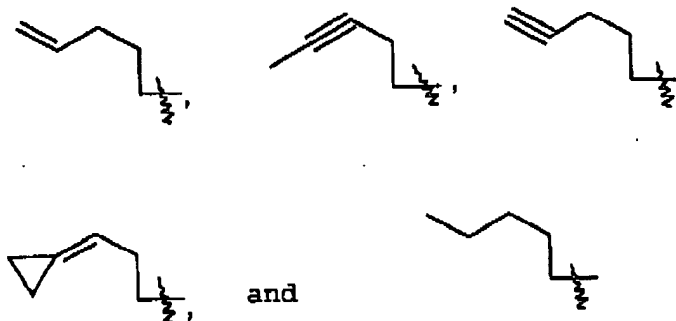
wherein:

one of X and Y is OH, the other being H;

R<sub>3</sub> is H or COR'<sub>3</sub>, with R'<sub>3</sub> being alkyl or aryl;

R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>16</sub>, and R<sub>17</sub> each independently are H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or aryl; ~~R<sub>11</sub> is a hydrocarbon group, which may be linear or branched, comprising one single linear chain having a length of from 5 to 6 carbon atoms as the longest chain on carbon atom no. 11 of the steroid skeleton, wherein said chain may be saturated or unsaturated,~~ R<sub>11</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

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and

a pharmaceutical acceptable auxiliary.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

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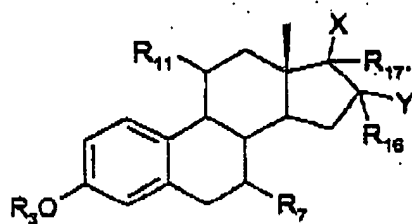
7. (Previously Presented) A method for treating estrogen deficiency disorders, comprising:

administering to a patient afflicted with an estrogen deficiency disorder a therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition of claim 1.

8. (Currently Amended) A method of treating estrogen deficiency disorders by inducing ER $\alpha$  agonist activity and ER $\beta$  antagonist activity in a patient in need thereof, comprising:

administering a therapeutically effective amount of a steroid compound satisfying the following structural formula:

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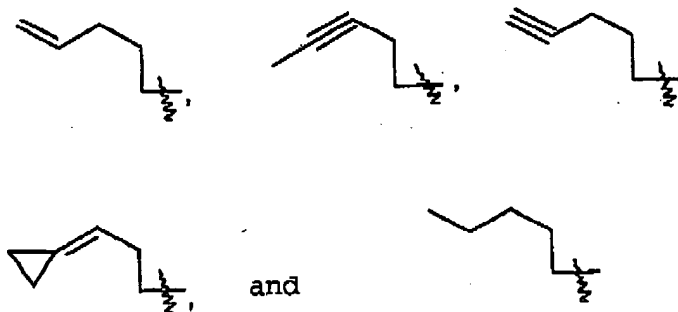
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9. (Canceled).

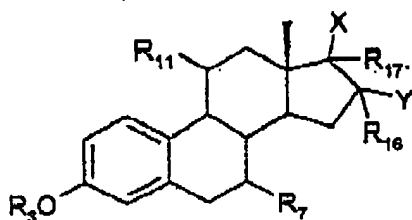
10. (Canceled).

11. (Canceled).

12. (Canceled).

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13. (Currently Amended) A steroid compound having ER $\alpha$  agonist activity and having ER $\beta$  antagonist activity and satisfying the following structural formula:



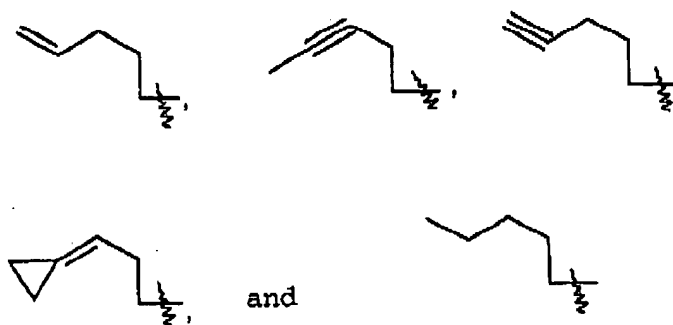
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14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)